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**Orange County Clerk-Recorder Electronically Records
Three-Millionth Document**

Yesterday on March 10, the Clerk-Recorder's Department electronically recorded its three-millionth document since its implementation of an innovative Electronic Recording System.

Orange County became the first county in the state, as well as the nation, to implement a state-of-the-art Electronic Recording system in May 1997. This software program was used to enhance the document recording service to both the general public and financial/real estate institutions, by dramatically reducing the processing time for recording documents.

The Clerk-Recorder Department is responsible for examining and recording all documents that deal with establishing ownership of land in the county. This includes the recording of title documents, notes, liens and home loan payoffs by homeowners, title companies, mortgage companies and government agencies involved in real estate transactions in Orange County.

The benefits of the electronic recording system include easier submitter convenience, rapid document delivery, immediate notice of document errors, faster document recording confirmation, more accurate records and tremendous cost savings, which includes the elimination of mailing and other transport fees.

On average, the Clerk-Recorder Department records over 1.2 million documents daily annually, with 44% of those documents processed electronically. Since 1997, the number of documents recorded electronically has steadily increased by 200 daily to over 2000 a day.

"Electronic recording provides faster service for our customers. We are pleased with the success of this modern system, and we'll keep working to make it even better in the future," said Tom Daly, Orange County's Clerk-Recorder.

Liz Corbett, Operations Manager for First American Title Company, said, "The electronic recording process has shortened the recording times and has streamlined the closing procedure. It has helped make our internal workflow more consistent through the day. I also appreciate the interaction and cooperation of the County Records Office, a necessary component in the ongoing success of electronic recording." First American Title Company processes the most electronic recordings in the country.

The department has also not had a security breach or fraud incident in the 3 million recordings accomplished electronically. Highly complex security measures are in place to prevent fraud and tampering.

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